

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

The Jasper County Council met this date at 7:00 P.M. C.S.T. in the Commissioners' Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: H. Dan Stalbaum, Gerrit H. DeVries, Rein O. Bontreger, John T. Price, Stephen R. Jordan and Andrew Andree. Also present was the Auditor of Jasper County, Kimberly K. Grow and Deputy Auditor, Donya Jordan. Mr. Bontreger called the meeting to order and Mr. Price led those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Mr. Price made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. DeVries seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION / COUNTY GENERAL /CIRCUIT COURT/PERSONAL SERVICES/BAILIFF, COURT ADMINISTRATOR AND COURT REPORTERS: Auditor Grow stated there wasn't enough money appropriated at budget time to bring these salary lines to what they should be. Councilman Jordan made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-02A** in the amount of \$531.00 (Bailiff-\$130.00, Court Administrator-\$137.00, Court Reporters-\$130.00 each). Mr. Price seconded and this motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION / COUNTY GENERAL /SUPERIOR COURT/PERSONAL SERVICES/BAILIFF AND COURT ADMINISTRATOR: Auditor Grow stated this request is for the same reason as the night's first request. Councilman Stalbaum made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-02B** in the amount of \$267.00 (Bailiff-\$130.00 and Court Administrator-\$137.00). Mr. Price seconded and this motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION /COUNTY GENERAL/ELECTION BOARD/PERSONAL SERVICES/ABSENTEE VOTERS BOARD AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS: Jasper County Clerk Vicki Bozell had requested by letter the amounts of \$2,680.00 for the absentee voters' board line and \$9,290.00 for the precinct board members line in additional appropriations to increase what was approved at budget time to the amounts that are usually appropriated for these two lines. This request was tabled from the January meeting because the council had questions concerning what was spent on these two lines in 2012. The report showed at budget time the prior year's six month total instead of the year. Mr. Price made a motion to approve **Additional Ordinance No. 2014-02C** with Mr. DeVries seconding this motion. This request passed unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/COUNTY GENERAL/CIRCUIT COURT/PERSONAL SERVICES/CASA DIRECTOR & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR; SUPPLIES/CASA OFFICE SUPPLIES; OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES/ CASA CONTINUING EDUCATION/CASA RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION; CAPITAL OUTLAYS/CASA EQUIPMENT: This was an additional appropriation request that was tabled from the January meeting. Mr. DeVries made a motion to table **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-02D** until the March 18th meeting as requested by Judge Potter so he can be present. Mr. Price seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PTABOA BOARD APPOINTMENT: Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to reappoint Lester Moore as the council appointed PTABOA Board member. Mr. Jordan seconded this motion. Councilman DeVries asked if Mr. Moore was qualified to fulfill this position which he is. Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF JAIL UPDATES TO HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM: EMCOR Construction Services has submitted a quote on additional work that they feel needs to be done to fix the issues at the jail to the heating and cooling system. The total amount of this quote is \$140,540.00 (Communication Bus Replacement-\$23,646.00, Trend Controls System Replacement-\$103,131.00 and Variable Air Volume Box Retro-commissioning-\$13,763.00). The county has received \$70,000.00 from RQAW to help pay for these updates and this money has been receipted into the Jail-Special CAGIT Fund. There was a discussion on what fund to pay this project from. The county could pay \$70,000.00 out of the Jail-Special CAGIT Fund and the balance from either the Cumulative Capital Development Fund or the Rainy Day Fund. If funded from the Jail-Special CAGIT Fund, the additional appropriation would have to be advertised and voted on at the March 18th meeting. The council at budget time appropriated \$500,000.00 for courthouse, building and ground repairs in the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. This project could be paid out of this line and wouldn't have to be put off for another month. Mr. Price made the motion to approve spending \$140,540.00 out of this line (1138-068-430-436-0-0356 COURTHOUSE, BUILDING/GROUND REPAIRS). Mr. Andree seconded this motion. Motion carried unanimously

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JOINT WORKSESSION: Mr. Jordan stated how valuable he thought the joint work session the council and commissioners attended on February 11th was. Commissioner Walstra added he felt the two boards needed to meet more often.

WINTER WEATHER: Council President Rein Bontreger acknowledge the appreciation the council has for the employees who have had to work the long hours during all of the bad weather Jasper County has had for the past several weeks.

VIOLATIONS BUREAU: Mr. Price has contacted Attorney Monfort concerning establishing a county violations bureau.

AIRSHOW UPDATE: At this point in time no one has been contacted concerning the air show that is to be held on July 11, 12 and 13, 2014. There is still a concern about the expense the county may incur from the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Andree seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Rein O. Bontreger, President

Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County